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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - December 12, 2005

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam announced that Daymond Buchanan, a member of the San Diego Chapter of the Hells Angels, was sentenced today in the U.S. District Court in San Diego by the Honorable Irma E. Gonzalez to serve 92 months in custody, based on Buchanan's conviction for conspiracy to commit racketeering. In his plea, Buchanan admitted that, beginning at a date unknown and continuing up to May 2003, he and other members of the San Diego Chapter of the Hells Angels agreed to participate in a pattern of racketeering, which included conspiracy to extort money and property from drug traffickers. Buchanan admitted that he and other Hells Angels members inflicted serious bodily injury upon one victim. Buchanan also admitted that another Hells Angel brandished a firearm during the offense.

Judge Gonzalez also ordered that Buchanan serve a three-year term of supervised release following his release from prison, during which time Buchanan will not be allowed to associate with felons. Buchanan must pay a \$100 special assessment.

U.S. Attorney Carol Lam praised the efforts of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Narcotics Task Force, the San Diego Sheriff's Department, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, the San Diego Police Department, and the El Cajon Police Department. "We are pleased with the successful outcome of this prosecution. With the president, sergeant-at-arms, secretary, treasurer, and six other members of the Hells Angels convicted of racketeering charges and facing long prison sentences, the San Diego Chapter of the Hells Angels has been effectively shut down for the foreseeable future. These convictions will drastically reduce gang violence in our community and should deter further criminal conduct on the part of outlaw motorcycle gangs that plague our cities with violence and drug trafficking."

DEFENDANT

Daymond Buchanan

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 18, United States Code, Section 1962 – Conspiracy to Commit Racketeering

Maximum Penalty: Life Imprisonment
 \$250,000 fine
 Three years of supervised release

INVESTIGATING AGENCIES

Drug Enforcement Administration
Narcotics Task Force
San Diego County Sheriff's Department
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives
San Diego Police Department
El Cajon Police Department